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Well members, yet another newsletter rolls off the production line, packed with controversy and as ever, SUFOG seems to be in the middle of it. This edition contains a reply from Graham Birdsall - Editor of UFO Magazine, whom I contacted regarding the Anthony Wood's UFO footage and a letter, that Graham wrote in reply to an item covered in the Mar/Apr 2003 edition of the Newsletter.

Also, something slightly different, in that a recent article that appeared in the Russian newspaper 'PRAVDA'. Mind you, make of it what you will as the date of the article was the '1st April'..

Group secretary Steve Rider's long awaited article of the Leeds UFO Conference in September 2002 with his views of the event and what we did or did not get up to whilst we were there.

Brian James's article 'Time to think', is hopefully one of many articles to be penned by the Chairman of APRA and former Chairman of BUFORA. Brian has been a good friend over the years, and we welcome him aboard with his contributions to the newsletter and the UFO subject in general.

Another good friend of

SUFOG, Chris Martin recently appeared in a London newspaper article and I have re-produced the article within the SFOG Newsletter pages. Chris has been capturing UFO's again after what I understand, has been a rather lean period for him.

I have also featured another newspaper article that features an animal mutilation case reported to the RSPCA. A bit squeamish, but it happened.

Finally, there is a UFO report from a police officer and an open letter to SUFOG members if you wish to reply.

The last 2 months has seen SUFOG embrace itself with the Anthony Wood's case and we have been asking questions of researchers involved in the case. Anthony Wood's has certainly been causing a stir, and in the next issue of SUFOG, we will see what other researchers think of the footage. Because of the information held by SUFOG's editor and who is unable at present to publish it (Under threat of court action if I do !!!), we will be keeping a very close eye on the subject and await the current investigation being undertaken by Graham Birdsall at UFO Magazine. All I can say

to Graham (And I have recently said this in correspondence with him) 'I can only say again Graham, watch your back and make sure that ALL stones are overturned, as there might be a sting in the tail that you are not expecting'.

SUFOG OPEN DAY CANCELLED

**IT IS A SAD
ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT I
HAVE DECIDED TO
CANCEL THE OPEN
DAY IN ADVANCE.**

**THIS HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH THE
SECRETARY STEVE
RIDER AND I HAVE
SPOKEN TO OUR PRO
ERNIE SEARS. ALL
MONIES PAID TO DATE
WILL BE REFUNDED.**

**IT IS HOPED THAT
DERREL SIMS WILL
ATTEND OUR GROUP
MEETING ON THE
15TH OCTOBER AS
PREVIOUSLY
PLANNED.**

(PRAVDA - Russian Newspaper)
1st April 2003)

Attacking UFO Impossible

As a rule, if a pursuit plane attempts to attack an UFO, it brings no damage to it

The first attempt to destroy an unidentified flying object was officially registered in October of 1944 in Europe. US Air Force pilots encountered several ball-like UFOs in the airspace. Pilots decided that they saw new secret Nazi weapon, which was rumored a lot back in those days. Americans opened fire on those balls, although no bullet managed to cause any damage to them.

Military pilots saw UFOs many times over 50 years. Most often, pilots thought that those flying objects were trespassers, which basically resulted in attacks against UFOs. A very rare documentation, which proves the reality of attempts to attack an unidentified flying object is a tape recording of the conversation between two pilots, who started battling the objects, which trespassed the airspace of a US Air Force base in New Jersey.

Twelve spherical objects appeared in the airspace above the army base on October 7th, 1965. American military men took them for a squadron of spy planes. Three pursuit planes took off from the airbase to destroy unidentified objects. Pilots described those objects as balls, whose speed was a lot faster in comparison with the speed of their battle planes. As pilots said, they opened fire on the objects and hit them several times. Bright flashes could be seen on hitting spots, although weapons did not get to harm flying objects at all. The raid was finished with a failure: UFOs left safe and sound, while flabbergasted pilots had to go back to the airbase with nothing. Luckily, the tape recording of their conversation was preserved at US Air Force archives, and was then exposed to

the public.

The majority of official documents about attacks against unidentified flying objects are kept in secret files. That is why, UFOlogists presumably obtain the information about such events from eyewitnesses, who managed to see those battled with their own eyes. An event like that happened on June 24th, 1999, when passengers of the bus, which was heading to Dallas, saw several pursuit planes attacking an UFO. Passengers saw a flying object from the windows of their bus at 3:15 p.m. The UFO looked like a silvery disk, it was flying at a high speed in the direction of Dallas Love Field airport. Two pursuit planes were flying behind the object at a distance of several hundred meters. When the UFO's speed advantage became obvious, pilots opened fire. The object was hit several times, blasting flashes could be clearly seen, although the fire did not bring any results: the UFO increased its speed and left the fire zone.

Politicians and high-ranking officials set out their concern about the fact that it is not possible to harm unidentified flying objects. In 1952 British Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave a secret order to investigate the UFO phenomenon. Churchill's resolution was then published in the Sunday People newspaper. Winston Churchill wanted to find out as much as possible about flying disks, and why it was impossible to down them. That order was basically issued after dozens of Royal Air Force pilots saw strange objects during their air raids on Germany.

There is unconfirmed information, which says that several encounters between UFOs and pilots ended up lamentably for the latter. Three pursuit planes of the Japanese air Force were heading to the Misawa airbase on August 24 of 1998. All of a sudden, two planes vanished from radar screens at 8:58 p.m. The pilot of the third plane, transmitted a strange message: ? I can see a large ball of red color. Two other planes have been downed.! As Japanese newspapers wrote afterwards, the ball that pilots saw was about three meters in diameter.

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21st LEEDS International UFO Conference
20th-22nd September 2002

Review by Steve Rider
SUFOG Secretary and Conference
Speaker

Well, here it is! Finally after a delay of some months I have been able to complete this review of the Leeds 21st International UFO Conference. It may have been a long time in coming, but I do hope that you will find it worth the while?

It was an early start on Friday 20th September and the start of a journey I will not forget. Steve Gerrard and I set off just after 8 am for the 250 mile trip to Leeds. The journey was different this year as it was Steve Gerrard driving and not myself.

On our arrival at the Crowne Plaza we were greeted by a closed barrier and renovation work, and after a brief worry about who was paying for the room and a short trip into Leeds to get supplies to complete our sales items, we finally met our host Graham Birdsall who was able to sort out the problem with the room. We then had a couple of hours to chill out, something I was in desperate need of. Before too long though we showered and dressed and prepared ourselves for what was to come.

Soon it was time to go down to the reception area and await our travel to the venue. Graham was there to meet us as were some of our co-speakers, Michael Hesseman, Nick Pope and Tom Van Flandern just to name a few.

Before I even knew what was happening we were at the venue and time was rapidly closing in on me. So after saying a few hellos to some old and some new friends, I made my way to the auditorium for the beginning of the proceedings. Steve G. did not accompany me as he was trying to sort out a table for the SUFOG material.

Friday 20th September-The UK UFO Scene

The evening began with Graham's customary welcoming introduction to the conference. Next followed twenty minute film

detailing the past of the Leeds International UFO Conference and some of those faces who have appeared there over the years. It was a superb testament to what has become Europe's Premiere UFO event.

As the countdown to SUFOG's appearance continued, it was time for the first speaker to make his presentation.

Russel Callaghan

Russel presented some of the more recent UFO footage, from the likes of Chris Martin and SUFOG member and good friend, Stuart Wisdom. He included Stuart's film of a flying 'Dog' witch was extraordinary, UFO or IFO? Nobody has yet claimed this one?

Russel also presented evidence of how some people are hoaxing UFO footage by using large bags and candles. In fact it could be this very hoax that could provide the explanation for the UFO filed over Brighton by a Police Helicopter.

As always it was a professional and well put together talk by UFO Magazines video expert.

SUFOG

It was time Steve G. and I to make our presentation and my nerves were at their most stretched, but how would things go?

I presented the footage we had recorded of objects over Southampton water on two consecutive years, almost to the day. I managed to get through the whole talk with only two moments where my nerves got the better of me!

I then handed over to Steve G. who presented more SUFOG footage and also some footage shot by Stuart Wisdom.

Both parts of the talk were well received and we were complimented by Graham afterward.

I was glad it was over, but also glad that I had done it. It was an experience that will not forget in a hurry.

Due to the absence of Gary Baker Nick Pope then stepped up to deliver some new info about the North Sea crash of a Lightning Jet. Steve and I were behind stage for this so did not get to see it, but the

details are available in UFO Magazine. We did also, and regrettably, not get to see that delivered by DC Gary Heseltine as we were out in the foyer recovering and chatting with some of the others.

It was then time to wrap up the Friday nights proceedings. For Steve and I it was back to the hotel for a drink and a chat with some of the others, including Nick Pope and Stuart Wisdom. We then turned in for the night to ready ourselves for a long Saturday. It would certainly turn out to be a long day in deed!

Saturday 21st September

After an early rise and shower, it was time to trot off downstairs for our breakfast. There is nothing better to prepare for a long day than to have a great English breakfast, and that is certainly what we got.

We then assembled in the foyer ready for our trip to the venue. This day's line-up promised to be something special. After Graham's welcome to the day's event we were treated to a short film detailing the most important events to happen in the last year of UFOlogy.

Michael Hesemann

I have not had the pleasure of seeing Michael speak, so this was a first for me. He presented a totally enjoyable lecture on UFOlogy in Russia. The lecture was capped off with recently obtained archive footage, including MIG gun camera footage, from Russia that proves that they have had a long interest in the subject and probably has a lot more to offer in the future.

The lecture was delivered in a style that I suspect only Michael can deliver. A very enjoyable lecture from someone who obviously has a passion for the subject.

During the lunch break I was unable to see the short talk delivered by Mary Rodwell, but there will be more about Mary later. I was also approached by a man who had seen our lecture the previous evening. He told me he worked for the company that operates Eastleigh airport. He explained to me that, concerning our footage of objects over Southampton water, he found hard to accept that the airport would not cover the area on it's radar as Eastleigh has one of the most up-to-date aircraft approach radar systems

in the country. So is someone trying to pull the wool over our eyes in our investigations?

Alan Alford

Alan changed his lecture due to recent developments at the Great Pyramid in Egypt. However, it was most definitely a change for the good? Alan delivered a riveting lecture about the recent developments and some predictions for the future. As a result of this I wait in anticipation of his new book which should be completed by the end of February and focuses on the Great Pyramid.

Superb lecture from a man who originally comes from our fair city.

Dr. Tom Van Flandern

Steve G. missed this one, but it was another excellent lecture. Tom delivered a lecture focusing on new images of Mars that appear to show artificial structures. Some of these images can be seen in the Jan 2003 edition of UFO Magazine. I have always been fascinated in the question of artificial structures on Mars and the Moon so I was not going to miss this one and was definitely glad I did not.

I would urge anyone to look at these images and make up your own mind, but feel that Tom's lecture has only reinforced the idea that there is a lot more to the planet Mars than meets the eye.

Perhaps there is a lot more to the whole universe than meets the eye?

Stanton T. Friedman

Last Lecture of the day was the one I had been waiting for and I was not to be disappointed?

Stan delivered a powerful and enthralling presentation that focused on those who chose to attack Roswell and indeed Stan himself.

What made this lecture all the more interesting was that Stan took the arguments placed against him and answered them, but not just that? He also

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This year sees Sussex being the most active area to date. Have the circle makers moved counties or do they live there already. Wiltshire comes a close second...

answered those arguments with arguments of his own. Showing that those critics are always quick to criticise, but so quick when it comes to answering criticism levelled at themselves.

After now, finally seeing the great man in action, I can see why people flock to see him when he is in the country. He has a style all of his own that captivates you and shows you just why he is the original investigator of the Roswell Incident.

After a short Q & A session it was back to the Hotel to prepare for the evenings events!

There was a short wait before we were ushered into the hall for the Gala Dinner. The dinner was buffet style with a wide selection of food that was very good. I did not have a sweet as I was busy talking to people including Larry Warren.

After the dinner there was the First UFO Magazine Awards. There were some technical problems, but this did not detract from the splendour of the evening which was a credit to Quest and all involved. It was a treat to see this first event and see Stanton Friedman receive his lifetime achievement award. After this it was time drinking and fun. Although not many people did much in the way of dancing there was much chatting into the early hours.

Well for some of us the early hours were time to grab a couple of minutes kip? Steve G., I, Stuart Wisdom and a few others including Graham's daughter Helen and Quests Melanie Flarty. We had a laugh just chatting till about six in the morning. Steve G. and I had a quick walk to clear our heads and a quick 30 mins sleep before showering and having our breakfast, ready for the Sunday's events to come.

Sunday 22nd September

I have to admit that Sunday was taken up with talking to people and not much in the way of going to the lectures. In fact I only managed to take in two of the day's presentations, those by Graham Birdsall and Dr Roger Leir.

Graham Birdsall

Graham delivered one of his typical upbeat lectures providing an overview of some of the years happenings and having a go at the critics, something that always goes down well. Graham is one of those who has a way of speaking that has you hanging on his words until the end, and he always has an answer for those critics.

Dr Roger Leir

This was definitely one lecture that had you hanging on Dr Leir's every word. First was a piece of footage showing the removal of an implant? However, this was no ordinary implant? As the film showed, prior to removal, the implant displayed the characteristic of moving under the skin when being touched? It was uncanny to watch.

Next was an overview of one of Dr Leir's cases. What was interesting was that the man who was the focus of the alien interest, put a video camera in his room to try and catch the abductors on camera as they came through the wall.

He succeeded, and Dr Leir showed stills from the video depicting strange bug type aliens. He also showed pictures of a claw that was found on the floor of the room. Possible physical evidence?

This was a stunning lecture that really needs to be seen to be believed.

Speakers Supper. Sunday Night.

After the events at the venue had been concluded we all made our way back to the hotel for the special speakers supper.

This was definitely one of the high points of the weekend. I managed to chat to all the speakers, take photos and video and have a great time.

Being able to sit around a table with the people there that day and to share the buffet supper, was an honour. I will not forget it in a hurry and would love to do it every year, but at least I have the photos and video as a reminder of what a great time we had. Including the free beer that was a part of it!

But, all too soon we had to say our good byes to all those wonderful people, the new friends we had made and the old friends. The whole weekend had been an excellent experience. My only regret is that I do not have a video of the lecture that Steve and I gave; this would have been the perfect thing to remember our time in Leeds. Still, I have Photos, video and my memories and the realization that Steve and I lined up with some of the best in the business that weekend. So perhaps we can consider ourselves amongst

them?

I would just like to finish by saying that I would like to dedicate my part in the SUFOG lecture at Leeds 2002, to the memory of my Mother, who past away in 1995 and the memory of my daughter Amanda Kyla, who past away in 2002.

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Time To Think!

by Brian P James

This is first of what I hope will be an occasional series – not so much articles, but observations and comments on various facets of paranormal-type events. Some of these may seem controversial and designed to provoke comment – and you'd be right! There are many little facets of paranormal reports and events that tend to be accepted, but when thought about in the cold light of day, make me think "This does not compute!" (to quote a certain robot), and which deserve wider and greater thought...

Vehicle Interference Effects

The subject of vehicle interference has become well-known, mostly in the realm of UFO close encounters, although such cases are not unknown amongst the lore of other paranormal sightings. How do we draw definitive lines between alien encounters and an 'old fashioned' ghost – this usually starts in the witnesses mind.

Cases of vehicle stops during UFO encounters are well documented – the classic scenario being that during a close encounter a vehicle's lights will dim and fail, and the vehicle's engine will lose power and eventually stall. Various research works have been published on this type of phenomena, with theories as to the physics involved in how a vehicle's electrics are so affected.

However, my observation here isn't on the vehicle stoppages, but the 'counter-phenomena' of vehicle restarts –

just how does this happen? The internal combustion engine only runs when the fuel/air mixture is compressed to the point where it can be ignited by either the spark plugs or glow plugs (depending on whether the fuel is petrol or diesel). In modern cars this combustion cycle needs have the engine turning over at more than 500rpm (in my driving lifetime the idle speed of cars has increased – my current Vauxhall Cavalier idles at around 825rpm), and if the engine rpm drops below the critical speed then the engine stalls. An internal combustion engine doesn't fire into its combustion cycle and run, merely by turning on the vehicle's ignition (go out and try this if you wish – you'll be in for a long wait), which is why vehicles have starter motors, to spin the engine up to the speed whereby combustion can commence, and thereby keep the engine turning over at sufficient speed to maintain the combustion cycle.

So, returning to the 'vehicle restart'. If, by whatever means during a UFO encounter, a vehicle's electrics fail to the point whereby the engine stalls – how does the engine restart when the flow of electricity is returned to normal? The engine will be at rest, and even if the ignition circuit becomes live again, how does the engine get spun up to the speed where the combustion cycle re-starts? Don't forget that the ignition and starter circuit of all modern cars are designed to prevent the driver from re-engaging the starter circuit while the engine is running (and thereby damage the starter motor rings), usually by a simple mechanical locking sequence in the ignition switch, forcing the driver to turn off the ignition before turning it back on again and then through to the start position (some even force the driver to remove the key and start the sequence again – mine does!) If a UFO, or other phenomena, has managed to exert some sort of electrical suppression field, how does the removal of this field then enable the electro/mechanical ignition switch to go through its starting sequence?

Comments are invited!

Encounter Paralysis

The Alien Abduction/Encounter 'paralysis' is perhaps one of the most commonly-known facets of abduction lore, and indeed it goes

back much further into the realms of encounters with all manner of other beings – the 'Little People', Incubus/Succubus attacks etc.

The effect of paralysis is commonly reported whereby the experiencer is unable to move a muscle, but is apparently wide-awake. Of course there is the accepted phenomena of waking paralysis that is recognised by the medical profession – does this perhaps explain all such paralysis events – personally I do not believe so.

However, there is one facet of the paralysis syndrome that does intrigue, and even worry me – and I speak as a researcher who is an experiencer. I don't think there is too much doubt that such paralysis is caused by an effect in the body's nervous system (which in common with the thoughts on vehicle interference may be caused by electrical fields). I accept that paralysis can occur by such means, but why do experiencer's invariably have full recall of what they can see? Logically, since the optic nerve is one part of the same nervous system that is apparently inoperable throughout the rest of the body, the experiencer's sight should also be paralysed – to the point of blindness?

Again, comments are invited!

Avebury 2003 Skywatch.

The annual Avebury Skywatch will take place on the first weekend in August (2nd / 3rd). We will meet as usual at the Barge In at Alton Barnes at 12 noon and go from there. There is **NO** SUFOG transport this year due to costs etc. So please, make your own way there and be prepared for a long weekend. If you cannot make it for 12 noon, then we will be in the Red Lion PH at Avebury at 7 p.m. for a drink and a pre-chat about the skywatch. There will be a couple of disposable BBQ's and some hopefully a camping cooker for warm water etc. Bring warm clothing as it can get very cold.

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The ball produced plasma flashes, which downed two Japanese pursuit planes.

When those planes disappeared from radar screens, the pilot of the third plane managed to avoid a collision with a strange object, and that maneuver saved his life. Thirteen patrol ships were sent to search for planes-fragments in the sea. They found only a small piece of a horizontal stabilizer of one of the planes. There were no doubts that pilots were killed.

Another accident like that happened on October 9th, 1998 at 8:02 p.m. A pursuit plane with an experienced crew of two pilots encountered a red ball not far from the Misava base. As soon as pilots prepared to attack the object, the radio contact with the plane was lost. A rescue team managed to find a part of the wing and some documents on the water surface. The pilots of the plane are still considered to be missing.

I Love 95 - 26th April 2003.

Whilst channel hopping during the football breaks on TV, I came across the above program. I started watching it, and then suddenly, UFO's...

The item, about 3 - 4 mins long featured such great UFO experts as Ray Santilli and Reg Presley.. There was mention to the infamous or rather famous Roswell Incident and also to the alien autopsy footage (partly shown on the program) and a couple of great comments :

Ray Santilli : 'It was real - absolutely real'.

There was also an interview with a chap that said that it was possible to see the seam lines, where the body came from a mould. Also he said that was not too difficult to replicate. Reg Presley on the other hand said that it would be too expensive to re-create the alien. Funny, how much do films cost today and some of the costs to replicate bodies, aliens, humans, robots etc are astronomical. So if you want to create a hoax and you have the money behind you to set it up, then anything is possible.

An interesting item, and somewhat looking at Roswell and the Alien Autopsy footage. Sorry, didn't have time to record it, but to be honest, you did not miss anything.

SUFOG DIARY - 2003..

Meeting charge of £3 to cover room hire.

June 18th 2003 :
Video Evening
Open Discussion.

July 16th 2003 :
Video Evening

Aug 2nd/3rd : Avebury Skywatch

Aug 20th 2003 :
Video Evening
Open Discussion.

Sept 17th 2003 :
Video Evening

Oct 15th 2003 :
**Very Special meeting
(Ticket Only)**
Special Guest Derrel Sims

Nov 19th 2003 :
Video Evening

Dec 17th 2003 :
SUFOG Christmas meeting.
Bring Christmas nibbles to share with other members...

We are planning on inviting guest speakers to our group meetings and hopefully I will be announcing one in the next newsletter. This will be a ticket event, but one hopefully you will wish to attend and support the group.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

News Shopper 22nd April 2003

Man phoned at home to go UFO hunting.



CHASE: Chris Martin points to the place he says he saw a UFO

AN ALIEN hunter says he has caught a UFO on camera with a police helicopter chasing it. Chris Martin, 42, was telephoned at home by his sister, Patricia Roberts, who was watching events unfold from her back garden at around 9.30 p.m. He rushed to Prince of Wales Road, Blackheath, near Mrs. Robert's Lochaber Road home, where he says he saw a flying object being tracked by the chopper nearby. Mr. Martin, of Patrick Connolly Gardens, Bromley-By-Bow, says he filmed the helicopter focusing its searchlight on a light-emitting flying object. The father-of-one told News Shopper: "I can't say what it was, but it should not have been there, and was definitely a UFO. "The police helicopter seemed to be chasing it and shining its searchlight onto it. I believe they were sent out to intercept the craft."

Martian-mad Mr. Martin gave up his job as a session guitarist to study UFO sightings and suspected alien visits full-time in 1997. The extraterrestrial enthusiast, who had a book on the subject published in 2000, says the aliens do not come here just to see the sights. He said: "I believe in life on other planets and I believe they visit us regularly in their alien craft. "They come to collect information and gather genetic material by abducting humans and animals." Mr. Martin added: "The aliens are using their advanced technology to create hybrid species." But police have denied any knowledge of UFOs in the area and have told News Shopper the helicopter was tracking a less unusual target on April 8. A spokesman for Greenwich police said: "A police helicopter was in the air, in that area and at that time, because of a traffic

collision. "A person was seen running away from one of the cars involved and a helicopter was sent up to help in the search for the man who was never traced. "We were not responding to any reports of UFOs in the Blackheath area."

Something Spotted...

At approx 22.05, 02/06/03, I was in the garden, when I noticed a bright light. at first I thought it was a star, but then I saw it was getting closer, rather fast ! it had no sound, or flashing lights, so was not a plane or helicopter. it also seemed to be swaying, zig-zagging. it came from the north west direction, and headed south east, towards Southampton / Isle of Wight. It was moving too fast to be any sort of plane. we are from the Ringwood area. was it imagination, or did anyone else see anything?

(I have just received this report today the 3rd June 2003. If anyone has had such a similar sighting reported to them, please let me know... Steve Gerrard (Editor).

**OPEN DAY
18TH
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NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

COULD be summed up as 'NOT MUCH!' Iraq and the aftermath and arguments....just allowed some interesting peeks through the "spooks" door with **THE DAILY MAIL** in MAY featuring Dr. Wiseman (misnamed if you like!) crowding allegedly, haunted places with volunteers with author Colin Wilson giving the good doctor what for. Followed by **THE DAILY EXPRESS** of May 22nd has reporter cum author Natalie Osborne-Thomason admits she isn't scared of ghosts and WHY she believes in them.. and in fact has written a book which I've sent for.... always looking for ammunition to deal with those clever clogs sceptics and debunkers! Yeah.. I DO know the difference.... sceptics try to expose falsehoods etc while debunkers go for ridicule, discourage, mock, etc...not a LOT of difference I reckon! Even THE TIMES got into the act with a big article using Wiseman's theories.. well. they would, wouldn't they? Then **THE DAILY MAIL's COFFEE BREAK** section of June 2nd asked in headline form 'Is DNA from ALIENS?' Dr Richard Taylor of the British Interplanetary Society summed up the situation with; 'Life on Earth or anywhere in the Universe is part of the naturally occurring chemistry of carbon' So there! Also. one Francis Crick, who discovered DNA in 1953, believes it was sent

here in a space-ship by aliens! He won a Nobel Prize for that! His belief reinforced by estimates of "payloads", of micro-organisms each having large samples of different nutritional requirements.. Hmmm! Gets QUITE intriguing, doesn't it?

THE SUNDAY TIMES for 11th May ran an excellent and BIG two part article by Bill Bryson entitled "Life, the universe, and the puzzle of everything.". a whopping great look at SPACE, at the BIG BANG, a universe from nothing.. 'beautiful, wonderful gratifying' says Bill, Cosmologists, astrophysicists.... Penzias, Robert Wilson, Georges Lemaitre etc etc were in there pitching from day one, as it were! A tense situation ensued! Bryson admits it was only about four or five years ago that he's suddenly realised he knew nothing about the planet he lived on. Result, his book, "A SHORT HISTORY OF TIME", is now out at £20...and I'll bet there's little or nothing about UFO's or such in it!

PSYCHIC NEWS for June 14th...my 79th birthday!.. is, this significant?,,, has articles on the Great Yarmouth pub whose ghost felt the hand of Christian exorcist Canon Michael Woods and the hauntings intensified! Plus "Physical Mediumship is returning" and goes on to detail such with reports of several meetings where the medium and amazed audience had materialised "dead" people who twiddled buttons on the reporters shirt. undid another's tie, laid it on the floor without a mark or crease on it, the light fitting on the ceiling was given a battering and found out of shape.

LOCAL SIGHTINGS
By Ernie Sears

Just to liven up an already lively day Eastleigh SUFOG member Lorraine phoned in and a long conversation ensued! Monday 9th June Lorraine was taking the washing in at around 2.30 p.m. and saw a plane coming into Southampton airport...above it, she saw a silvery colour disc, flying a straight path towards the south.. in the direction of the Isle of Wight. It was in view roughly four seconds.

On Wednesday the 12th June at 3.00 p.m. she was sitting in her garden idly watching swallows darting about and noticed a black "dot"...not an aircraft as no wings or tail...heading east to west. It was below the clouds and moving in in an erratic manner.. like a falling leaf but level flight,. Sighting forms are being dispatched to Lorraine who regrets not being able to attend meetings as she has no form of transport. Willing to pay petrol shares if anyone can help. Very

keen and has a number of dramatic sightings in the past years.

SUFOG's own Karl Spencer-Smith had two more sightings of those red/orange" globes.. one was in fact a pair in tandem.. our Steve has the full details. which I passed onto him.



Another sightings reported to SUFOG.

Date : 13th June 2003

Ref : SG/11/03

Location : Littlehampton, West Sussex

SUFOG Member in back garden at home at 00.12hrs (Friday 13th !!) Saw a bright 'Star' (But 3 to 4 times brighter), moving slowly across the clear night sky from South to East. The object was intense and very bright and no sound could be heard. He watched it for about 10 minutes (also managed to grab his camera and take a photo) and the light disappeared as if someone had turned a light switch off.

Filming for TV Series...

On Wednesday the 11th June, Ernie Sears (Public Relations Officer) and myself were interviewed for a new program being put together by Chrysalis Productions. Ernie was interviewed in the warm surrounds of his flat, and me, yep, the short straw, on top of a hill in bright (passing cloud) sunlight and a very sharp wind that played havoc with the microphone.

I was asked all the usual questions, 'What is a UFO', 'When is the best time to see a UFO', 'What shapes have been reported'... etc etc... I thoroughly enjoyed the filming and I hope this is the first of a number of them in the coming year. I do not know when (or if) the program will be screened, but when I know, hopefully, I will let you all know.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

VERY poor selection this issue...a handful. Sorely missed is Jenny Randles NUFON pocket sized one.. does this mean NUFON has gone to the wall? Steve G? Tells me returned mail suggests she has gone to live in Wales! Hmm.. ah well!

THE NEW BUFORA JOURNAL for APRIL I get because I'm a member Editor Norman Oliver muses on spacetime travel and how modern technology and alleged alien and inter-dimensional theories and FACT may well be worth thinking about. A 1981 three-women close encounter and abduction followed by regression... has subsequently resulted in this SEVEN PAGE updated recall by all three ladies and is important by it's recalled details. That "Astro-highway" via the SOHO satellite and the recent media gets an article by Norman Oliver.. who says, succinctly. 'at least the "standard" misidentifications haven't been put forward!' Judith Jaafar covers a 1950's "car stop at Goodwood" incident which Judith and Malcolm Robinson investigated in 1998. That Philadelphia Experiment (Vanishing USA Warship) and the equally infamous Montauk Project gets good coverage from Norman Oliver. A 1972 South African "Flap" by David Oakley-Hill is highly detailed. A section on UK and world-wide incidents interesting too. Ongoing BUFORA London Lectures listed. Lionel Beer relates a TEMS meeting with speaker Guy Lyon Playfair on telepathy. Just as I typed that the 'phone rang' was someone the other half of my brain was working on! I "Gemini's" are known to work like that OK?? BUFORA membership etc contact ME for all details.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN for

June 2003 is a great little magazine. Been "reincarnated" says President and Editor Judith Magee with it's new state of the art printing equipment.. grr! Makes my humble 10 year old PC look decidedly second-hand! Well, it IS! Articles include On the UFO Trail by regular Paul Norman, Co-operation in the 1960's from The UFO Investigator 1968, Which said.. whatever happened?.. Twenty Airlines and The Military (The latter The Brazilian Colloquium and President of their Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences!) science and airline participants report sightings to the appropriate authorities.. one being USA's NICAP! Victorian Sighting Reports...2003, 2002, 2001, an 2000! South Australian sightings. Queensland ditto. UFO Central hails from Canada and Editor and Publisher Lucius

Farish.. Well known to SUFOG members magazine and membership details of the Australian UFO Bulletin from it's host Research Society, PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

OVNI... arrived! Omar Fowler's natty and long running magazine of the Phenomenon Research Association in Derbyshire. Magazine subtitled "At The Cutting Edge" 14 pages. contains that hefty Rendlesham Forest "official release" excerpt...having read the whole. courtesy of our Steve G. only serves to emphasise the importance of the events of December 1980. OVNI also shows those INTERESTING "Hansard" files.. questions and "answers"! in the Commons. Photo of a 2002 claimed "mini-rod" in a Hinkley churchyard.. assuming this is Derbyshire? "Glowing ball of light" over Chaddesden Derby March 2003. Laser-like light seen near Twycross March 2003...observed by a Fire Officer and wife while driving March 2003. End OVNI page of "Tale Enders" reports.. UK and one from New Zealand. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Humberside, "tremors".. some quite violent. OVNI from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby. DE24 9H £1 plus postage.. bi-monthly. Members Free.

RAPPORT.. bi-monthly magazine of the London based Ken Phillips Witness Support Group. Founded by abductees in 1990. The March/April issue (Suggested donations £1.50) Subtitled "Enlightenment".. aptly! editor Mike Rutter getting the magazine back to regularity nicely, thank you! NO SCEPTICS REQUIRED! Embarrassing to see my own group magazine (SUFOG) had "Sceptics required" last issue! Can't resist saying 'we've far too many in the UFO movement already, thanks! The Pleiadians speak Part !! quite descriptive but must admit not sure about it all! Too many doubts about that Swiss bike riding" contactee"! A missing time for 18 hours by a 20 year old involving police search, helicopters, divers, etc Found with bruises, eventually, and confused. Case ongoing and from the Daily Mail April 2nd 2003, it says. Another Rendlesham Skywatch planned for mid to late August. Readers Letters. My own Column. Some confusion with an article allegedly by "Ros and Ernie" on aliens but is credited to the help and assistance of Southampton UFO Group article. I suspect this might be a cutting I wrote on, if memory is

Filer's Files No.23 2003...

ENGLAND - BRIGHT LIGHT IN SHAPE OF AN EGG CAUSES CLOCK TO SPIN..

PORTSMOUTH - The witnesses were driving down a winding country road on May 15, 2003, and all of a sudden noticed a bright egg shaped object in the sky at 9:37 PM. They report, "It was darting from side to side, so we pulled over to look at it, as we knew from the speed and rapid direction changes that this wasn't any normal plane or helicopter." Within a few minutes the object came closer and a bright light surrounded our car, the light was blinding so we covered our eyes with our hands. I was squinting a look through my fingers, when I noticed that the hands on clock on the dashboard was spinning around really fast. This seemed to happen for only a short while, then the egg suddenly disappeared, and we were left feeling a bit dazed and confused about the whole experience. This was definitely something not of this world. The clock on the dashboard has stopped working since then.

correct David Clarke writes on the Celtic Other world and abductions. Long article which takes some 5 pages and finishes with something I feel might be worth mulling over; Suppose the Old religion is true and every single God and Goddess is beginning to tap their feet in concern that we might wake up? Abductee Elsie Oakenson's column outlines some strange.. or maybe not...coincidences. My dear. They're going on all the time! Details of RAPPORT and the Witness Support Group ask me!

AWARENESS comes next... Contact International UFO Research.. Editor Geoff. Ambler writes on Clones. Illusions, Deceptions.. some involving the Raelian Movement who claimed a human clone had been successfully produced.. over Christmas. Those SOHO images again.. the Editor visited the "Euroseti" exhibition in Leicester Square in January. The French UFO Research thrives.. says another item. Six thousand reports since 1977! Malcolm Robinson spooked at a séance in the Home Counties.. so where's his 'detailed. circulated openly, email'? That missing boy again. The Shuttle disaster. Alien Graffiti on the old Hungerford railway bridge. That supposed "alien broadcast" of 26th November 1977...I heard that, ONLY THE NEXT DAY AFTER A GENUINE UFO MULTI-WITNESSED SIGHTING! That's why the 'Gramah, of Azkah speaking to you' is wrong! I have the transcript somewhere. More questions arise.. Elsewhere that Rendlesham forest Release! A well produced magazine. From PO BOX 23, Wheatley, Oxon. OX33. 1FL. £9 for 4. £14 for 8.

UFO MAGAZINE for May and another for June sees it's usual collection of articles....well illustrated...Graham Birdsall's editorial puts some very relevant points on that moon landing controversy. As he says, it's who to trust and who not! That Rendlesham documentary again.. readers views and opinions on it. Plans for a mega tourist attraction here.., significantly, maybe.. in the middle east too. A world UFO Centre it says! A look at the "Taken" series.. what viewers and the cast and the crew really believed. The earth's magnetic field changes going on. May well account for the recent peculiar anomalies going on, eh? 'Changes in perception' it says! Nick Redfern talks about his new book. "Rods" over Baghdad? UK to go it alone in space? Get REAL! The June issue too....speculation on the SARS virus and it's source. More by Graham on that magnetic field and the vulnerability of astronauts to the known radiation fields. That Turkish UFO museum. Rock band Belisha and their claimed UFO encounters. New "black" technologies Abduction support...new organisation's aims. NASA mystified by "flashes".. we've got our own, judging by a recent local encounter! OK...space curtains

too long a coverage, but UFO MAGAZINE goes on it's way as the flagship surviving all others even if it often gets into subjects that some of us find boring and a waste of space! Purely because we're aware of things through personal experiences.. ongoing and repeats. Still a good £2.50 in the shops or by subscription.. Details ..just ask us!

Email from group member Bill Coones...

Hello to everyone: Looks like James Gilliland and his ranch is getting some coverage at last from a major source. I recorded the program last night and George Noory (Coast to Coast formerly Art Bell) says he wants to have a live broadcast of a skywatch on his ranch. James did mention that he could introduce him to the people who video taped the triangle when the Greer Group was there last September.... that was Ferne and I. Just have done my first UFO investigation for Oregon UFO Review and it was very educational for me and the two people I talked to. The sighting will go on the website soon as I have sent pictures and a scan of a drawing of the UFO to Eric Byler. Just went to a Mufon meeting and they had more people there than they have in many meetings. Could it be that interest is picking up as is the awareness of the planet? Hope to be in England soon and with my house sold for good this time. Ferne and I are going to get off the real estate merry go round and travel more and do interesting things as we should be doing. Will be in England in a few weeks....bye for now.. Bill Coones.

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E.mail to UFO Magazine in response to their major new event regarding Anthony Wood.

Graham

Are you aware that the Anthony Wood footage is already available on VHS video tape and it has been previously shown at UFO Conferences (A number of I am aware of) in America and is available to purchase. The Southampton UFO Group is very unhappy that such an event that was filmed only 20 Miles from our location, has again had the door firmly slammed in its face. I was in contact with Anthony (admittedly by e.mail only as he would not let me have his phone number or address) and then suddenly he broke off communication in favour of meeting 2 people to discuss the case (You and Russel).

As far as I am concerned Graham, the sightings have not been investigated as they should of been (I am not mentioning any other researchers names) and I hope that UFO Magazine will investigate the case to its full potential. At the time of the original researcher, there were no press appeals in the area at all (I have checked all the local newspapers). Surely, over such a high militarily area etc and having one of the most secret bases stuck on-top a hill overlooking the area, many more people would of also seen what Anthony has been video tapping. I understand that also from the video material he has encountered numerous helicopters allegedly hovering over his home. Surely, Westlands engineering that repair helicopters for the Royal Navy and the fact that one of the biggest Navy's in the world is anchored only some mile or two away, helicopters would be seen in the area fairly frequently. This case is somewhat 'cold', as the real on the ground investigations has never taken place and I know Anthony was concerned about people contacting him and the press etc, but why has he changed his mind all of a sudden. When I was in contact with him, he said he would only meet me in a car park... !!!

Graham, I do hope that the case is going to be FULLY investigated before the video/DVD is available? From the footage I have seen I am impressed with it and I am unable to come up with many explanations, but, due to the lack of

research (Yes I appreciate that you have interviewed Anthony at home and in Leeds), but surely, where are all the other witnesses to this case. Unless they have suddenly come out of the woodwork to appear on film. I was threatened by a researcher that I would be taken to court if I released some of the material that I have through e.mails etc, surely Graham, you told me a few years ago, that **UFO Magazine does not investigate UFO reports..** Then why are you publishing UFO sightings, photographs and video footage if no one has actually interviewed/ investigated the sighting. You seem to be leaving yourselves at UFO Magazine wide open for someone one day to play the biggest hoax/prank against you if you don't investigate the cases.

Graham, I am not pouring cold water over the case, BUT, there are a lot of unanswered questions and to honest Graham, the whole case needs **REAL INVESTIGATION.**

Graham can you please respond to this e.mail as I intend to print the above in our next magazine in June. Obviously, if you do not reply, then I assume that you will have no comment to make.

Steve Gerrard (Southampton UFO Group)

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STEVE GERRARD (SUFOG)

Date: 28 April 2003

Dear Steve,

My response on first seeing some of Anthony Woods' footage during Santiago's lecture at Laughlin last year is well documented - as were my concerns at the seeming lack of UK involvement in its investigation.

We later learned that Anthony had chosen to deal directly with Santiago Yturria Garza to the exclusion of others - including ourselves. Anthony subsequently chose to end that association for reasons he has publicly stated. These were decisions solely taken by Anthony.

His invitation for us to disseminate the footage came only after long discussions had been held in a nearby Bedhampton hotel. Russel Callaghan and myself were present at that meeting, as was Anthony and a family member. It was several weeks later before Anthony rang to say that he was happy to work with us. We agreed to abide to a number of pre-conditions laid down by Anthony designed to protect him and his family from inquisitive and possibly over-zealous media attention.

We cannot be held responsible for what has gone on before.

If Anthony should at any time wish to talk or correspond or meet with individuals and/or organisations who approach him, then he is perfectly free to do so. But such approaches he insists should be through UFO Magazine. We will automatically forward them on to Anthony.

He is demanding of privacy for his home and family and I intend to honour that.

Anthony's decision not to liaise with SUFOG and/or other UFO groups is his and his alone. His reasons for doing so are private and personal. Frustrating though this may be, most in the UFO community recognise that the express wishes of the witness must be adhered to.

I am first and foremost a UFO researcher and have conducted countless investigations over the years, some of which have and continue to appear in UFO Magazine. The knowledge and experience I have acquired since 1967 is something I apply as a matter of daily routine, whether that be in the office or in the field, whether overseas or here in the UK.

Hence, objectivity - as opposed to subjectivity - remains uppermost in my mind. By necessity, our analysis (and that of others) of Anthony's raw and extensive original footage

must be concise and exhaustive. I have asked countless searching questions of Anthony to augment that study, and more are in the pipeline. Some of the anomalous objects that Anthony has filmed are quite extraordinary, but we will be doing our level best to arrive at a conventional explanation for each by seeking the views of others, including military and civilian aviation experts. If that should entail our travelling abroad, then we shall not hesitate to do so.

This investigation has already run up costs amounting to several thousands of pounds and will inevitably be added to in the coming months. Sadly, such costs tend to be forgotten amidst the rhetoric of accusations (by some) that our involvement is purely one of financial gain.

Nothing could be further from the truth. For example, the recent Rendlesham Forest documentary had a production budget of £125,000. I liaised with the producers (Mentorn) for 3 months, sent them materials in the post, lost a days work to filming at Sheffield University, drove there and back on my own accord, and sought not so much as a penny for my efforts.

Assuming we recoup our costs and make a profitable return on any DVD/Video Cassette of Anthony's footage, it will be invested (as is the norm) in future UFO research.

This is but one of many ongoing projects in which we are currently involved, the ultimate benefactors of whom will be the international UFO community and public at large.

I ask that people respect Anthony's request for privacy for both himself and his family. Much may have happened in the past but from the moment we became involved, it was time to look forward. And people can rest assured that there is a lot to look forward to.

Yours faithfully,

Graham W. Birdsall [Editor]
UFO Magazine (UK)

Many thanks to Graham for his reply,

and SUFOG in no way are out to discredit UFO Publications (Magazine), or its research, but I feel that everyone needs to read the whole picture of events. In the next issue, I will be doing an article looking the Anthony Wood's story and building a picture of the involvement (Or non-involvement) with Mr. Wood's. I hope to send the article to other groups in the hope that they will publish it, so that everyone will be aware of the story.

Steve Gerrard....

Britain's first reported case of a Mutilated Cow..

UFO abduction possible in UFO case

From The Hounslow Guardian 2nd May 2003.

THE oddest case dealt with so far by the new head of the RSPCA's team of animal welfare officers in south west London was a butchered cow in Osterley Park.

Until his promotion, Mark Buggie, 35, was an RSPCA inspector and worked for eight years in Woolwich and five years in Brixton.

Before joining the RSPCA, he was in the army and worked as a search dog handler. He and his dog were mainly on Royal duties, hunting out explosives and drugs.

Mr Buggie, who lives in Upper Norwood, said: When I left the army it seemed a natural progression to join the RSPCA as it is the leading organisation, working with animals which had a career structure."

Mark is married to Jade who works at the RSPCA's call centre. The couple have a seven-year-old daughter Emily and a four-year-old son Alexander.

In his new role Mark will be in charge of seven inspectors and ten ambulance drivers.

He said: I am delighted with my new role and I am really looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. We have an excellent team and I hope to continue and build on the high standard of service we provide to animals and residents."

Mr Buggie revealed that the team is currently very busy. He said: It goes in fits and starts but currently we are busy dealing with a spate of complaints about dogs left on balconies.

Genuine cruelty cases are few and far

between. We dealt with one last week where a man kicked a dog to death, but most cases are due to ignorance rather than cruelty. A lot of it is ignorance. People do not take their animals to the vet to get them treated and we also deal a lot with of care in the community people."

One of the oddest cases Mr Buggie has had to deal with was a cow butchered in Osterley Park.

He said: It was absolutely bizarre. The cow had been butchered and all the meat taken, but whoever did it would have to have caught the cow, because it was not hand tamed, and then walk for at least two miles with the meat. It was just bizarre and looked as though the cow had been sucked up by UFOs, the meat stripped off and the carcass dropped down again."

UFO's over Hampshire in 1999...

Dear Sir // Madam

I saw your people on a documentary on Sky and would just like to share a UFO experience with you from 1999.

I have long been interested in UFO's and paranormal phenomenon and have spent many summers camped with sky watchers and crop circle enthusiast at Knapp Hill in Alton Barnes I'm sure this is a location that you are familiar with as well as the Barge Inn and its room devoted to Crop Circles.

The experience in question occurred in Langley out on some heath land of the New Forest. A friend and I had gone out to an open area to do a part sky watch and look at the stars. As we were walking to our regular spot I looked in the sky towards the North East. I saw a red light approach us it started off in the distance as if coming over Southampton Water. At first I thought it to be a plane so turned back and carried on walking. I looked back again a few seconds later and saw it was much lower than a plane should be

even if it had taken off from Eastleigh. I then saw that it had not just one red light but three and they formed the shape of a triangle. I was a little more interested now and stopped with my friend and watched as this craft flew directly over top of us. I could see no more detail other than the three red lights, the bottom was just black against the night sky.

I'm not sure how high it was maybe 500-1000 feet but as it approached and went over head it was completely silent. We both watched as it flew over the heath land and out over where Exbury and Leap would be. As we looked out toward the Isle Of White we noticed a single red light that was shooting from one end of the island to the other. The land we were on was slightly elevated and gave a good view of most of the island in the distance.

The light would shoot over to one side in a red streak the stop dead and hover for about then seconds then shoot back. We continued to watch as the light that had passed over us went out over the Solent and met up with the other red light. They both then seemed to become one, it was hard to tell exactly as they were now some 7-8 miles away.

They hovered in one spot over the island for about thirty seconds then shot up into the sky and vanished.

Crop Circle Formations in Hampshire 2003.

20th Apr Privett

A figure '8' shape in a circle. 146' dia. The crop has risen up almost completely.
Hampshire Oilseed rape.

To date 16th May 2003, there are 6 formations in the United Kingdom, and one formation in Germany. If you come across any formations, please let the editor know so that we can pass the information onto the International Crop Circle Database run by Paul Vigay, in Portsmouth, Hampshire.

What's so Interesting?

My Story.

Item Sent by Group Member Mark Green.

My Name is Mark Green you won't know me personally so I thought I'd write this article to introduce myself. I recently joined SUFOG and hopefully I will get to meet most of you, long standing members in the future. I'll keep this brief but hopefully fellow SUFOG members will find this to be of some interest.

I'm 34 years old and have lived in Sussex all my life. My hobbies are all things from the 1950's, music, cars, fashion etc and I've always been fascinated by anything unexplained and have a desperate thirst for knowledge. I'm level headed, down to earth and very sceptical. So why did I join SUFOG?

Well, I'll tell you. I found out about UFOlogy by accident. I've always since I was a kid watched documentaries and read books on UFO's but a couple of years ago, I found a book in the local shop called "You Can't Tell The People" by Georgina Bruni. Now I already knew about Roswell and all the other major reports and incidents, but this was news to me, a major UFO incident in England! I need to know more. I read the book from cover to cover in 48 hours! I read all day and most of the night and not sleeping until 4 a.m. ! I was riveted ! Shortly after reading the book, I was in my newsagents buying a lottery ticket, when I saw the front cover of a magazine with the headline "Rendlesham". It was of course UFO Magazine and that's how I found SUFOG. I now want to know 'everything' and am constantly watching the skies.

So, have I had any personal sightings ? Yes, or at least I think so!

Incident 1 : Can't remember much as I was about twelve. I saw a strange light in the sky whilst doing an evening paper round. I stared at it and thought wow! A UFO...

Incident 2 : I was about seventeen, laying in bed one night about 10 or 11 p.m. I heard a loud droning noise above the house that lasted about 10 minutes. I was young and scared. I thought that sounds like a UFO and hid under the covers "shaking". I didn't go and look at it in case I was right! The next day, a neighbour was talking to my dad. He was excited, saying did you see the UFO last

night. If I knew then what I know now, I would have looked... as a foot note, I recently was told by a local resident about his UFO sighting over the school field near where he used to live. Basically, he said he looked outside to see a bright orange glow over the school field. He said to his (then) wife I think the schools on fire, but then he says a craft rose up on the horizon, then sank and rose again and took off. But what got me was he said it made a terrible droning noise. I believe it was the same night, but can't prove it. The man say's he reported it at the time to Timothy Good, who informed him that others had already reported it. If anyone knows anymore about UFO's over Littlehampton, I'd like to know! (Via SUFOG using discretion!).

Incident 3 : Lastly I sighted a bright object travelling North/South over Littlehampton in March 2003. It was silent, but had a revolving red light in the centre. I watched it pass over my house, but by the time I got to the back, it was gone.

Incident 4 : I also observed a silver sphere in the sky about two years ago in broad daylight whilst travelling from Littlehampton to Bognor-Regis on the A259.

It's up to you now to make of this what you will. I'm still not convinced that were being visited by Aliens, but something wierd's going on ! I can't explain any of it, but have an open mind and now constantly watch out for arial phenomena.

(if you wish to correspond with Mark, please forward your letters to the editorial address, and I will forward them on... Steve Gerrard).

Letter from Graham Birdsall
(UFO Magazine) dated the 14th May 2003,

In respect to your editorial comments in the Mar/Apr 2003, No 149/150 edition of the SUFOG Newsletter.

I can only reiterate that as a fully-fledged UFO researcher and investigator for over 30 years, despite my obviously being tied down by day-to-day responsibilities at UFO

Magazine, I do endeavour when an where ever possible to actively partake of those roles in the field. When outdoors, those skills are applied as a matter of course when dealing with a myriad of topics.

I routinely forward on enquiries from UFO groups, organisations, researchers and/or investigators and journalists to eye witnesses whose reports or experiences feature in the magazine. Whether these eye witnesses then care to respond is a matter for them. The onus is very much on the aforementioned interested parties to follow up any cases that catch their eye. We are always happy to publish the results of any subsequent investigation.

In the case of Anthony Woods (re : 'I understand that they are investigating recent sightings in the Havant area of Hampshire'), he has publicly expressed an unwillingness to deal with anyone other than ourselves, and while liaison with yourselves would, of course, have been preferable, the fact is we must abide by his stated wishes. Prior to raising the in your newsletter, You were made aware by us that some of Anthony's early clips were featured during Santiago Yturria Garza's lecture at the 2002 International UFO Congress. To reiterate : Santiago's lecture was video-taped along with my own and some 30 other speakers. The footage was video-taped from the screen, while the tape used by Santiago was of poor second or third generation with considerable colour loss throughout due to NTSC conversion.

Needless to say, there is a world of difference between that and having the original master tapes from which we are able to digitally render. I trust my raising these points will help clarify any misunderstanding on either your or those of your members.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times, I am,

Yours faithfully

Graham W. Birdsall - editor
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A STRANGE EVENT!

By Ernie Sears

Thursday 5th June I was halfway through one of my regular "weight busting" and "sugar level" walk and crossing the huge sports field off Spitfire way. 11.30 on a sunny and warm morning. A swishing noise caused me to look up to see a plane. or was it?.. heading towards Southampton Airport. Odd that I couldn't hear the roar of it's twin engines.. in fact I could only discern one and also the aircraft was kind of "misty"! I looked around briefly to see if there might be a witness.. none. Looking back, the "aircraft" had vanished! I stood there looking around the fairly clear sky expecting to see it lowering towards the airport. Gone! Odd,

I thought, continuing my walk. Odd all that dayan eerie silence reigned. It wasn't until two or three hours later as I crossed the Royal Victoria Country Park that I realised the silence was because no regular Channel hopping planes were crisscrossing the sky. Neither were there any others. This was still the situation as I stood gazing out of my lounge windows where my Netley home looks out over Southampton Water and further beyond Southampton towards Romsey. Phoning a SUFOG member, Davina, who lives at Lordshill, north of the city, she confirmed the eerie silence, being used to frequent aircraft on the way to and from the airport. Speaking to her later the situation was no different. My earlier "encounter" was also disturbing me! As we spoke I suddenly saw bright flash in the sky towards the city.. I yelled out in shock over the 'phone! Explaining why I was further astounded to see the dark silhouette of an aircraft suddenly appear a short distance to the west from that "flash" I again yelled out 'Good God. it's a plane!' As I spoke it vanished from the spot! Later on I spoke to our Editor Steve.. warning him of the incredible events Later that evening a close friend spoke to me by phone.. I told her what kind of day I'd had! She then confirmed she too had seen that "flash" from Romsey Hospital where she was working that day...confirmed the exact time before I'd told, her that. Next day I telephoned Southampton Airport and carefully asked about the apparent lack of 'planes. 'All normal here' How COULD it be? 24 hours later there were still no planes and meanwhile our Steve had confirmed this. The Echo newspaper was my next target! 'Bizare' was the reaction and a promise of 'enquiries.' I phoned an old acquaintance who actually lives on the edge of the airfield.. 'nothing moving' apart from a light aircraft lying over.. not from!.. the airport. But she'd had a dramatic and frightening experience the previous night.. the 5th June.. remember?.. part of which involved their TV going haywire. Witnessed by her husband. Another ECHO news desk call got no answer although they expressed interest in our group and wondered if there was 'any connection' On Sunday the 8th the solution ..or was it?...from a friend who had 'made enquiries'. A French Air Traffic Control "strike" had been on since the day of my first encounter! NO PLANES ..except ONE.. had flown since then until the 7th.. I was satisfied... but wait! I'd been told by the airport 'everything was normal'! I'd also spoken to our own Air Traffic Control.. TWICE! On the first one they had made no comment except to say 'Martin' was out at the moment but he'd ring me back. He DIDNT! A second call got the answer phone. NO REPLY there either! So...in conclusion.. what about the two planes that "vanished"? The flash in the sky? Strange times indeed!